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NOTICE

Environmental Health Fee Revisions to be phased-in over Three Years

As indicated in the notice sent with your invoice earlier this year, that invoice was for only six-months. The attached annual invoice reflects the recent Environmental Health fee changes approved on May 27, 2008 by the Board of Supervisors. The annual billing and permitting cycle is now from July 1 to June 30.

The County appreciates that you have many other increasing costs and hopes that the three-year phased approach approved by the Board of Supervisors will allow you adequate time to include the new fees in your future business plans.

A comprehensive review of our fee structure and the minimum level of service required had not been completed for 19 years. New laws and regulations have changed the required effort necessary to assure compliance. Fees do not cover the full costs of services, requiring the County General Fund to subsidize the cost of services provided to the regulated community. The County will continue to provide some General Fund contribution for community-wide benefit positions throughout the three-year fee phase-in.

There is one new program for permanent food facilities operating in the unincorporated areas of the County: stormwater. This program does not include facilities within an incorporated City or Town.

A comprehensive fee study was completed and will be reviewed annually to assure the financial projections are being achieved and controlled. Information concerning the fees is available on the County's Environmental Health web page. Additional questions should be addressed to Environmental Health at (530) 745-2300. We are always open to suggestions that will improve our working relationship with the regulated community.

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